

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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**TITLE OF INVENTION**

**DIALYSIS SOLUTIONS CONTAINING WATER SOLUBLE VITAMINS AND NUTRIENTS**

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was filed on 6 August 1998 as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or PCT Application No. PCT/US98/16383 and amended on \_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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For: DIALYSIS SOLUTIONS CONTAINING WATER SOLUBLE VITAMINS AND NUTRIENTS

**DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-identified invention described in

☐ the Specification filed herewith.

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I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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